Subject: Coins secured on the Nile, in Egypt -- corrosion of.

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The American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Streets
New York City

Gentlemen:

Miss Jane M. McHough, of the University Museum, Philadelphia, advises me to write to you.

I have a number of old coins which I secured up the Nile, in Egypt. I do not know what they are, or anything about their value.

If I were to send these coins to you, would you make an appraisal of them for me, and write to me, telling me what they are, and their approximate date and value?

These coins are corroded. Clean them, if you deem it adviseable. In other words, I am just an ordinary doctor, who would like to know what he has.

Yours very truly,

Charles W. McGavran

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November 13, 1935.

Mr. Charles W. McGavran
318 E. State Street
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

If you care to send the coins on we will make brief attributions for you and put down the approximate values, also possibly clean some of them. We would probably have to make a charge for this but cannot tell until we see the coins. Our experience has been that coins ordinarily picked up in Egypt have little value.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York City

Attention: Mr. Howland Wood, Curator:

According to our recent correspondence, and your letter of November 13th, I am today sending you, under separate cover, some coins. In all, there are fifty-six coins, and you will find them in four packages, marked Exhibits A, B, C, and D.

Exhibit A is a chain with twenty-eight silver coins intact. These coins were purchased in Jerusalem, in 1928.

Exhibit B is an envelope containing nine small coins, purchased at Abidus, Egypt, in 1928.

Exhibit C is an envelope containing eight coins, purchased at Abidus, Egypt, in 1928.

Exhibit D is an envelope containing 11 large coins, purchased at Abidus, Egypt, in 1928.

Did you ever get something, and then not know what you have? Well, that is my position, exactly. The above coins were purchased for a very, very, small amount of money, and therefore, should they be worthless, I am not out very much.

Use your judgment as to cleaning off the corrosion. Have done for them just what you would, if they belonged to you. Naturally, I would not want to go to any large expense for worthless coins, but you will know what to do.

If it is not too much trouble, I would like you to send me the identity of each coin, and return them to me, sending me the bill for your services, including the return postage.

Yours very truly,

Charles W. McGavran.

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December 3, 1935.

Dr. Charles W. McGavran
318 E. State Street
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter and package of coins. I myself have been away the past week and on my return found my assistant in the hospital. Work has consequently accumulated and I will get to your coins as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 31, 1936.

Dr. Charles W. McCavran
318 East State St.
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The other day we returned to you the coins you sent on sometime ago. It was necessary for us to clean most of these in order to tell what they were. You will probably be disappointed at the prices we put on these which we placed in the lower corner of each envelope. We are herewith sending our bill.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator